

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Monday, March 1, 1999

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 1, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD A. PEASE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We thank You for Your spirit, O God, that dwells in us in all the moments of life, whether in joy or sorrow, celebration or mourning, in peace or in pain. We are thankful this day, O God, for those times of joy and celebration that can mark our lives, and we are grateful that Your spirit abides in our hearts. At this beginning of our week, we acknowledge Your wonderful gifts to us and to all people and pray that Your blessings of grace and peace will be with us this day and every day. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FILNER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

(The following letter from the Secretary of State of Georgia was inadvertently omitted from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of Thursday, February 25, 1999.)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 25, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Linda W. Beazley, Director, Elections Division, Office of the Georgia Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns for the election held February 23, 1999, the Honorable Johnny Isakson was elected Representative in Congress for the Sixth Congressional District, State of Georgia.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk.*

SECRETARY OF STATE,
ELECTIONS DIVISION,
Atlanta, GA, February 24, 1999.

Hon. JEFF TRANDAH,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. TRANDAH: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, February 23, 1999, for U.S. Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia show that Johnny Isakson received 51,548 votes or 65.1% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Johnny Isakson was elected as the U.S. Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties involved, the official "Certificate of Election" will be prepared and forwarded to the Governor's Office for transmittal to you as required by Georgia Law.

If we can assist you further, please let us know.

Sincerely,

LINDA W. BEAZLEY,
Director.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 27, 1999.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed please find a copy of a letter to the Louisiana Secretary

of State announcing my intention to resign from the U.S. House of Representatives on February 28, 1999. Upon receipt of this letter, I expect the Governor to notice and call an election to fill my vacancy. My hope is that it will occur as quickly as possible so as to result in as little inconvenience as possible to the Republican Conference.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. LIVINGSTON,
Member of Congress.

CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 27, 1999.

Hon. W. McKEITHEN,
Secretary of State, State of Louisiana,
Baton Rouge, LA.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: For 21 and a half years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve the people of southeast Louisiana as the United States Congressman for the First Congressional District of Louisiana. In concurrence with earlier statements about my pending retirement, I do hereby serve notice that I shall resign unconditionally and unequivocally from the U.S. House of Representatives effective February 28, 1999. This notice is timed to permit Governor Foster to call an election for my vacancy in the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. LIVINGSTON,
Member of Congress.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

WE MUST NOT PRIVATIZE SOCIAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of our Social Security system and in opposition to radical and unnecessary plans to privatize this system.

My constituents and their families know how important Social Security is in their lives. Almost 44 million beneficiaries each year count on Social Security each and every month. It is the most successful antipoverty program in our history. We all contribute, we all benefit, and we all have a responsibility to strengthen the system for future generations.

That is why I will fight to stop the push by a few special interests to privatize our Social Security system, to

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.